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Dear Ms. Deutrich,

Thank you for your letter of 1/17/77, the enclosures and the lists you promise to send. It's been a long time but it is somewhat gratifying to be back where we were more than a year ago and now perhaps about to move forward. You promise a halting inch. It will save much time and effort for us both if you take a firm stride.

In your first paragraph you say you respond to my letter of 12/28 and that in my letter all I did was "cite" FOIA. In your second paragraph you say that not supplying what I asked for "was not a refusal."

You just did not give me the public information I requested and spent more money not doing it that doing it would have cost and when I made the request as a formal FOIA request you write a letter saying I merely cited the Act. No matter. I have no concern over the content of the internal papers on this or how they may be used or misused in the future.

I do not believe that anyone reading all this correspondence in the future would have much doubt. Certainly not about the explicitness with which on more than one occasion I acknowledged that you probably had sent me these 12 pages of prepared lists but that as a consequence of health problems I could not find them and thus wanted other copies.

When you complete the listing promised in your second paragraph you will also have a list of what has not been supplied me in response to my earlier requests. It will be in two parts, that which is still withheld and that which is not. I will want copies of what is not withheld, as earlier I asked. It will save us both time and cost if you have this copying done when you have some free time not only because I have already asked for it but because as soon as I receive the lists you know I will. The one apparent purpose to be served by not doing this is to delay my access and my work.

If I do not have sufficient funds on deposit I will send another check.

The second list you have just sent says it is of "documents made available for research during the calendar yearx 1974." Some of these I have received were made available after 1974 and so state. And as I recall my request it was for everything after the 1970 review. In rechecking I find that the 1974 and 1975 were stapled together, making these three pages appear to be one list. In going over it I have the impression that other records have been made available. I do hope it is clear that I do want all that has been released.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg